

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims below will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-37 (cancelled).

Claim 38 (currently amended): A folding top for a cabriolet vehicle having a bodywork, the folding top comprising:

- a first roof part including a rigid shell part and being pivotable relative to the bodywork;
- a second roof part including a rigid shell part and being pivotable relative to the bodywork;
- a positive control means including a first linkage, a second linkage and a mechanical control device; and
 - the first linkage connecting the control device and the first roof part;
 - the second linkage connecting the control device and the second roof part; and
- a common force-introduction unit configured to driveably move the first and second roof parts using the positive control means, wherein the control device is configured to enable a delay in a movement of the second roof part relative to a movement of the first roof part.

Claim 39 (previously presented): The folding top as recited in claim 38, wherein the control device includes a rotary link.

Claim 40 (previously presented): The folding top as recited in claim 39, wherein the force-introduction unit is configured to drive the rotary link.

Claim 41 (currently amended): The folding top as recited in claim 39 76, wherein the control device includes a rotary link and further comprising a first linkage connecting the rotary link to the first roof part and a second linkage connecting the rotary link to the second roof part.

Claim 42 (previously presented): The folding top as recited in claim 38 wherein the first roof part is a front roof part and the second roof part is a rear roof part of the folding top, and further comprising a central roof part disposed between the first roof part and the second roof part when the folding top is closed.

Claim 43 (previously presented): The folding top as recited in claim 42, further comprising a front four-bar mechanism connecting the first roof part to the central roof part and a rear four-bar mechanism connecting the second roof part to the central roof part.

Claim 44 (previously presented): The folding top as recited in claim 43, further comprising a main four-bar mechanism connecting the central roof part to the bodywork.

Claim 45 (previously presented): The folding top as recited in claim 43 wherein the front four-bar mechanism includes an outside link disposed adjacent an outside of the central roof part when the folding top is closed.

Claim 46 (previously presented): The folding top as recited in claim 45, further comprising a small four-bar mechanism connecting the outside link to the central roof part.

Claim 47 (previously presented): The folding top as recited in claim 38, wherein the control device includes a rotatable control plate.

Claim 48 (currently amended): ~~The folding top as recited in claim 38,~~ A folding top for a cabriolet vehicle having a bodywork, the folding top comprising:

a first roof part including a rigid shell part and being pivotable relative to the bodywork;

a second roof part including a rigid shell part and being pivotable relative to the bodywork;

a positive control means including a mechanical control device;

a common force-introduction unit configured to driveably move the first and second roof parts using the positive control means, wherein the control device is configured to enable a delay

in a movement of the second roof part relative to a movement of the first roof part;

~~further comprising~~ a central roof part; ;

a four-bar mechanism; ; and

an outside link connected in an articulated manner via the four-bar mechanism to the central roof part and to the first roof part, ~~and~~

the outside link being articulated on an outer side of the central roof part when the folding top is closed.

Claim 49 (previously presented): The folding top as recited in claim 48, wherein the outside link is disposed in a groove-like recess of the central roof part when the folding top is closed.

Claim 50 (previously presented): The folding top as recited in claim 48, wherein the outside link is pivotable by an angle of at least 150 degrees.

Claim 51 (previously presented): The folding top as recited in claim 50, wherein the outside link is pivotable by an angle of at least 160 degrees.

Claim 52 (previously presented): The folding top as recited in claim 48, wherein the four bar mechanism includes first and second links and further comprising a covering plate secured pivotably secured at an articulation so as to be pivotable essentially parallel to the first and second links.

Claim 53 (previously presented): The folding top as recited in claim 48, wherein the central roof part forms a base of the four-bar mechanism, and wherein the outside link forms a connecting rod of the four-bar mechanism.

Claim 54 (currently amended): The folding top as recited in claim 48, wherein the first roof part is pivotable to a position essentially parallel over the central roof part.

Claim 55 (cancelled).

Claim 56 (currently amended): The folding top as recited in claim ~~55~~48, wherein the second roof part rests on ~~the~~ a rear element with sealing action from above when the folding top is closed.

Claim 57 (currently amended): The folding top as recited in claim ~~55~~56, wherein, in a first stage of a folding-top opening movement, the second roof part can be raised up from the rear element.

Claim 58 (currently amended): The folding top as recited in claim ~~55~~56, wherein the vehicle includes a stowage region for the folding top and wherein the rear element covers over the stowage region and can be pivoted open counter to the direction of travel.

Claim 59 (currently amended): The folding top as recited in claim ~~58~~76, further comprising a first link mechanism connecting the first roof part to the main-link mechanism and configured to displace the first roof part.

Claim 60 (currently amended): The folding top as recited in claim ~~55~~76, wherein the second roof part is displaceable relative to the main-link mechanism.

Claim 61 (withdrawn): The folding top as recited in claim 60, further comprising a second link mechanism connecting the second roof part to the main-link mechanism and configured to displace the second roof part.

Claim 62 (currently amended): The folding top as recited in claim ~~55~~76, wherein the main-link mechanism includes a carrying link and wherein at least one of the first roof part and the second roof part is mounted on the carrying link.

Claim 63 (currently amended): The folding top as recited in claim ~~55~~76, wherein first roof part and the second roof part are displaceable in opposite directions relative to one another and relative to the main-link mechanism.

Claim 64 (cancelled).

Claim 65 (cancelled).

Claim 66 (currently amended): The folding top as recited in claim ~~55~~48, wherein the second roof part is displaceable to a position over the first roof part.

Claim 67 (cancelled).

Claim 68 (cancelled).

Claim 69 (currently amended): The folding top as recited in claim ~~68~~48, wherein the control device includes a rotary link.

Claim 70 (currently amended): The folding top as recited in claim 69, ~~further comprising a~~
wherein the force-introduction unit is configured to drive the rotary link.

Claim 71 (withdrawn): The folding top as recited in claim 69, further comprising a first linkage connecting the rotary link to the first roof part and a second linkage connecting the rotary link to the second roof part.

Claim 72 (previously presented): The folding top as recited in claim 38, wherein the first roof part is releasably securable on a windshield frame of the vehicle when the folding top is closed.

Claim 73 (previously presented): The folding top as recited in claim 38, further comprising a third roof part disposed as a central roof part between the first roof part and the second roof part when the folding top is closed.

Claim 74 (previously presented): The folding top as recited in claim 38, further comprising a third roof disposed as a front roof part in front of the first roof part when the folding top is closed and wherein the second roof part forms a rear roof part, and the first roof part forms a central roof part of the folding top.

Claim 75 (previously presented): The folding top as recited in claim 74, wherein the third roof part is mounted in a movable manner on the first roof part.

Claim 76 (new): A folding top for a cabriolet vehicle having a bodywork, the folding top comprising:

- a first roof part including a rigid shell part and being pivotable relative to the bodywork;
- a second roof part including a rigid shell part and being pivotable relative to the bodywork;
- a positive control means including a main link mechanism and a mechanical control device; and
- a common force-introduction unit configured to driveably move the first and second roof parts using the positive control means,
- the common force-introduction unit engaging the mechanical control device and the main link mechanism,
- wherein the control device is configured to enable a delay in a movement of the second roof part relative to a movement of the first roof part.

Claim 77 (new): A folding top for a cabriolet vehicle having a bodywork, the folding top comprising:

- a first roof part including a rigid shell part and being pivotable relative to the bodywork;
- a second roof part including a rigid shell part and being pivotable relative to the bodywork;
- a positive control means including a mechanical control device, the mechanical control device being arranged between the first roof part and the second roof part; and
- a common force-introduction unit configured to driveably move the first and second roof parts using the positive control means,
- wherein the control device is configured to enable a delay in a movement of the second roof part relative to a movement of the first roof part.